

REMARKS

Early consideration and allowance of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested.

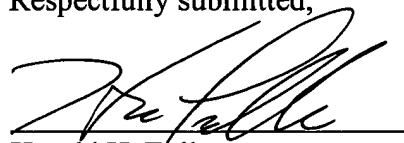
Claims 3-5 have been amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to otherwise conform with U.S. claim practice. No new matter has been entered. None of the amendments change the scope of any claim, nor are any amendments submitted for reasons of patentability.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The first part of the book is a general introduction to the subject of the history of the United States, and is written in a very interesting and readable style. It covers the period from the discovery of the continent to the present time, and gives a clear and concise account of the principal events of our history.

Claims 5-8 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) An easy open can end according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the aspect ratio of the opening is about 1.5.
4. (Amended) An easy open can end according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 3], wherein the centre panel lies below the level of the outer circumference of the end and the side wall, between the centre panel and said outer circumference, is inclined at an angle of between 20° and 60° to the plane of the end panel.
5. (Amended) An easy open can end according to [any one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, wherein the tear panel further comprises a bead which substantially follows the periphery of the score and the nose portion of the tab.